



Community Meeting Summary

Communication & Community Partnerships Division

Community Group: Sun City West PORA (Property Owners and Residents Association) Traffic and Safety Committee

Meeting Date & Time: March 28, 2007 at 1:30 pm

Meeting Location: PORA Building at 13815 Camino del Sol, Sun City West, AZ

Purpose of Meeting: ADOT to provide information on Loop 303 Corridor Development and listen to and document community concerns regarding noise.

Community Representatives in Attendance:

Arranowski, Harold	Huffman, Eugene	Sampson, Arlene
Biske, Lloyd	Jean Christiansen	Sams, Migueliva
Brown, Ron	Jewett, Carol	Slorta, Mary
Carlson, Bob	Jones, Jim	Slorta, Mervin
Carlson, Gail	Jones, Jo-Anne	Sortes, Bruce
Chauca, Lucille	Kane, Charles	Stevens, Ed
Cronk, Gil	Kane, Sylvia	Swier, Leon
Dawson, R.	Karch Lorck, Flemming	Toeniskoetter, A.
Del Orfone, Frances	King, Mary	Trager, J.
Dewgaw, Nancy	Knapp, Rose	Tragger, B.
Diebola, Gwen	Knight, Ron	Warren, Paul
Diebola, John	Lee, Tara	Wegner, Ruth
Engel, Keith	Maas, Barbara	Weiskittel, Salena M.
Engel, Sharon	Maas, Walter	Weiskittel, Thomas
Evory, Ken	McKenna, Bill	Wiant, Rex
Godin, Lawrence	Moore, Garry	Woodrum, Janet
Godin, Luisa	Peeke, Ernest	Young, Herb
Hanrahan, Stu	Pfaeffle, Charlotte	
Hert, Mrs.	Pitlick, George	
Hert, Rich	Riemer, Beverly	

ADOT Representatives in Attendance:

Stephen Beasley, P.E., Loop 303 Project Manager	Sue Lewin, Public Involvement
Fred Garcia, ADOT Air and Noise Specialist	Daina Mann, Public Relations
Diane D'Angelo, ADOT Public Information Officer	Joe Yuhas, Public Affairs

Meeting Notes:

Mr. Bob Jones called the meeting to order, stated the purpose of the meeting and introduced the ADOT representatives.

ADOT Project Manager Stephen Beasley gave an overview of the Loop 303 corridor development. (Copy of presentation is attached.)



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ADOT Air and Noise Specialist Fred Garcia showed a video about ADOT's Noise Mitigation Program and continued with the noise portion of the presentation.

The presentations were followed by a Question and Answer session. The following is a transcription of the questions and answers, and comments and responses heard at the meeting:

Q: How do we get something done before 2011?

A: The first step in getting projects advanced is to contact the elected official that would represent your community at the Maricopa Association of Governments, which would be Maricopa County Supervisor Max Wilson.

Q: How do you project future noise levels?

A: ADOT uses a computer model that is based on traffic projections. Projected peak periods are typically the problem.

C: ADOT promised us a sound study, sound walls & rubberized asphalt.

R: ADOT did not build the section of Loop 303 adjacent to Sun City West. That was built by Maricopa County, and the original noise study likely indicated that noise was within acceptable ranges in accordance with County standards.

C: A realtor promised us rubberized asphalt if the road gets too noisy.

R: Realtors are not authorized to make promises on behalf of ADOT. The Federal Highway Administration has permitted only two areas in country to use federal funds for applying rubberized asphalt pavement to mitigate for noise, and Arizona is one of those places. Federal dollars can also be used for sound walls, but that would require a noise study. ADOT can only construct noise mitigation measures such as sound walls at the time it is preparing to design and construct a new freeway or a project that involves adding capacity to a freeway. ADOT does not have a program to do noise mitigation for existing freeways.

Q: How will ADOT handle potential Air Pollution?

A: Carbon monoxide from car exhaust dissipates rapidly. Maricopa County is responsible for monitoring dust control during construction. The County has a hotline number for dust complaints, which is 602-506-DUST. The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) is responsible for monitoring US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) criteria for particulates.

Q: Can you request a decibel test be done in your backyard?

A: Yes, make request to ADOT Noise Specialist Fred Garcia. Fred will take and record noise readings, but if noise mitigation is warranted, ADOT would not be able to do anything until Phase II of the Regional Transportation Plan, when Loop 303 will be upgraded to a six-lane, divided freeway. Requests for advancing that project would need to be directed to MAG.

Q: How will ADOT handle the increased traffic on Loop 303 between Bell Road & I-10?

A: ADOT is planning to make improvements to the traffic interchanges at Cactus and Wadell.

Q: Will there be new traffic signals?

A: We are looking at individual cases, but there will be a signal at Wadell (a MCDOT project).

Q: Why can't you conduct noise analysis right now so we will have facts to include in letter to supervisor Wilson?

A: If you submit your request, it would trigger a noise study. Fred Garcia can come out and take noise readings.

Q: We also have noise problems in Sun City Grand –don't forget us.

A: ADOT is currently in process of environmental study for that section.

Q: Is Deer Valley Road going to be punched through?

A: ADOT would not do that, as Deer Valley Road is not within ADOT's area of responsibility.



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C: Won't the Loop 303 tie-in to I-17 exacerbate the noise problem.

R: The potential increase in traffic resulting from the tie-in with I-17 would be considered in the environmental analysis for that project. ADOT plans for abatement before projects get started.

Q: Will the new Loop 303 sections be below grade?

A: Loop 303 will stay depressed where it is now, and will rise up slightly at Bell Road and be at grade for remainder.

Q: Will a noise wall be built?

A: A noise wall will definitely be considered.

Q: Can I build my own noise wall on my property?

A: It may require a revision of the CC&R's for your community.

Q: Is anyone considering traffic interchange at Deer Valley Road?

A: Some developers have expressed interest, but ADOT's position is no. When Del Webb donated the right-of-way for the Loop 303, the terms of the agreement precluded traffic interchanges between Grand Avenue and El Mirage Road. ADOT intends to honor this commitment, and have informed the City of Surprise and various developers of our intent.

Q: Has CANAMEX corridor been resolved?

A: The CANAMEX corridor is not currently shown as Loop 303. Vulture Mine Road, west of the Phoenix metropolitan area, has been identified by MAG as the CANAMEX corridor.

C. We hear major truck noise on Loop 303 starting at 5 a.m.

Q: At what time of day does ADOT take noise readings?

R: Fred Garcia will rely on homeowners to recommend best time to experience worst case scenario.

Q: Are you going to put up walls before widening Loop 303?

A: Yes, as long as it doesn't interfere with construction.

Action Items:

Task	Who	When
Take noise readings in Sun City West.	Fred Garcia, ADOT Environmental Planning Group	ASAP
Communicate community's Loop 303 noise concerns to County Supervisor Max Wilson.	Sun City West PORA	ASAP
Homeowners to consider individual mitigation, e.g., fountains, landscaping, etc.	Individual Property Owners	Discretionary
ADOT to Initiate Environmental Study, including noise study, in preparation for improving Loop 303 to a six-lane divided freeway.	ADOT Valley Project Management and ADOT Environmental	2009
Property owners to contact Maricopa County Assessor's Office to request re-evaluation of property tax based on lower property values.	Individual Property Owners	Discretionary
ADOT to continue dialog with Sun City West PORA by attending Traffic and Safety Committee Meetings.	Timothy Tait, ADOT Community Relations	Monthly